## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of Jeffrey A. Heroux, et al

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 4, 1999 in the above-identified application, kindly amend the claims as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1, line 5, delete "NTP" and insert therefor --nucleotide triphosphates;

line 6, delete "NTP" and insert --second nucleotide triphosphate-

Claim 2, line 5, delete "NTP" and insert therefor -- nucleotide triphosphate [];

line 6, delete "NTP" and insert --second nucleotide triphosphate--

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